IN THE CLAIMS

(1) (Original) A surface light source device having a light-emitting unit comprising a point light source and a light guide, a reflecting surface being provided on the reverse side of the light guide, and also having a prism pattern, characterized in that a directional light-diffusing film is provided beside the light-outputting surface of the light guide which diffuses and allows light to pass, comprising two phases with differing refractive indices, the phase with the greater refractive index including a plurality of regions with a columnar structure extending in the direction of the thickness of the film, said columnar structure being perpendicular to the normal direction of the film, and whose maximum diffusion angle is between 10°-40°.

(2) (Original) The surface light source device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said directional light-diffusing film is bonded to said light guide or prism sheet with prism pattern using a light-diffusing adhesion agent containing microparticles with a diameter of 0.1-50 μm.

(3) (Original) The surface light source device as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that said light-diffusing adhesion agent contains minute particles with diameters in the range of 1-100 nm whose refractive index is 1.8 or greater.

(4) (Currently Amended) The surface optical source device as claimed in claim 2 ~~claims 2 and 3,~~ characterized in that the refractive index of said light-diffusing adhesion agent is 1.55 or greater.

(5) (Currently Amended) The surface optical source device as claimed in claim 1 ~~any of claims 1-4~~, characterized in that said columnar structure has a structure such that the refractive index varies gradually along the axis of said columnar structure.

(6) (Currently Amended) The surface light source device as claimed in claim 1 ~~any of claims 1-5,~~ characterized in that said light-emitting unit is positioned facing the center of the end surface of the light guide.

(7) (Currently Amended) The surface light source device as claimed in claim 1 ~~any of claims 1-6~~, characterized in that said light-emitting unit is positioned facing the angled end surface of the light guide.